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5 APPLICANT: RICHARDSON

TITLE: PAINT BRUSH CLEANING ACCESSORY

Ser. No.: 09/955,778

10 ART UNIT: 3728

EXAMINER: LUONG, S.

RESPONSE DUE: 02/10/03

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EXTENSION OF TIME:

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

20 [X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time for one month(s) to extend the response date to 02/10/03. An extension fee in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed.

25 RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 10/09/02

In response to the OFFICE ACTION mailed on 10/09/02, Applicant submits the following:

- Amendment -

IN THE CLAIM:

30 Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) A paint brush cleaning lid comprising:

a support plate having a number of brush handle passage openings formed therethrough, a spring guide insert connected to a top side of the support plate such that the exterior perimeter edge thereof is adjacent to each of the brush handle passage openings, a paint brush support plate connected to a top of the spring guide insert and having a number of inward curving brush handle receiving notches equal to the number of brush handle passage openings, one brush handle receiving notch being positioned partially above one

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